

Application Serial No. 09/806,810
Reply to Office Action dated April 18, 2005
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Withdrawn)

Claim 2 (Withdrawn)

Claim 3 (Withdrawn)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) Apparatus for processing of food portions, said apparatus comprising at least a cold storage space (1) for the storage of food portions and a heating unit (3), said cold storage space (1) and said heating unit (3) are integrated into a single assembly, which has been arranged to be controlled by ~~means for~~ a control centre (6) and a user interface (7), and a telecommunication unit (5) connected to a telecommunication network or the Internet, wherein the telecommunication unit (5) is used to remotely control at least one or more of the same functions of the apparatus as performed by the control center and the user interface.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein said telecommunication unit (5), serves to provide communication with a supplier of food portions, and a failure data monitoring part.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a transfer mechanism (2), which has been arranged to transfer food portions from the cold storage space into the heating unit and, ~~if necessary,~~ further to a serving device (4).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a

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supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network, is a telephone network or Internet (8), over which the ordering of food portions, remote operation of the apparatus, and transmission of failure information have been arranged to be effected.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a system for controlling the user's nutrition level and diet.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 5, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a transfer mechanism (2), which has been arranged to transfer food portions from the cold storage space into the heating unit and, if necessary, further to a serving device (4).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 5, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in claim 6, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 13 (Cancelled) ~~Method as defined in claim 2, characterised in that the selection and the heating of the food portions is performed when needed by remote activation of the apparatus over the telecommunication network.~~

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Claim 14 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to order new food portions from a foodstuff supplier.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to transmit information regarding possible faults in said apparatus.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to send a notification when said apparatus is about to run out of the foodstuff.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to remotely activate said apparatus for selecting and heating a food portion.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to remotely activate said apparatus to monitor the functions of the apparatus.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) Apparatus as defined in Claim 4, wherein said telecommunication network is arranged to remotely activate said apparatus to perform a fault diagnosis.